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Subject: West Lake Landfill -- Missouri Coalition for the Environment Hosts Meeting This Morning

This morning, I received a phone call from Mr. Justin Ruben, Senior Business Continuity Coordinator for JM Family Enterprises, which owns and operates an automotive-related business near the landfill in Bridgeton. He initially wanted to know more about a “press conference” being held this morning at the Machinists Union Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Road, in Bridgeton, concerning the landfill. I explained that I was not aware of any such press conference or any other meeting being hosted today by EPA.

As it turns out, the “press conference” is a meeting co-sponsored by the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Missouri Jobs for Justice, and the Teamsters Union. They will be at the union hall (same venue as our January 17 public meeting) from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. today. A story on the KMOX Radio website suggests the Coalition is holding the meeting to correct “misinformation” being shared by the landfill’s owners. Story has a headline that says lawmakers WILL attend the meeting, but the body of the story only quotes Ed Smith as saying lawmakers have been invited.

Here’s a link to the story:

KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Lawmakers to Attend Meeting on Bridgeton Landfill – 3/15/13 - Several activist groups are claiming there has been “misinformation” about the situation at the West Lake Landfill, prompting those groups to hold today’s meeting with elected officials. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/03/15/lawmakers-to-attend-meeting-on-bridgeton-landfill/>

As far as I am aware, no one here at Region 7 was informed of this meeting by any of its sponsor organizations.

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